GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4141
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DROUGHT RELIEF TO GAUSHALAS
MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided any financial assistance for drought relief to the Gaushalas of Rajasthan and Gujarat during each of the last three years and current year as well; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government provided financial assistance during the last three years to some Gaushalas of Rajasthan and Gujarat. The Government also channelised assistance through Animal Welfare Board of India to them.In all, an assistance of Rs.1.92 crore was provided for drought relief to Animal Welfare Board of India and to some Gaushalas of Rajasthan and Gujarat during the period 1999-2000 to 2001-2002.

During the current year a total amount of Rs.41.50 lakh has been sanctioned for drought assistance. An amount of Rs.5.00 lakh has been released by way of first instalment to Rajasthan Livestock Development Board, Jaipur for assistance to eligible Gaushalas of State. No such proposal for assistance was received from the Government of Gujarat.